



PATENT  
RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3621

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Keith David Bussell  
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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIGITALLY SIGNING AN  
ADVERTISEMENT AREA NEXT TO A VALUE-BEARING ITEM  
  
TC/A.U. : 3621  
Examiner : Firmin Backer  
  
Docket No. : 40624/SAH/S850  
  
Customer No. : 23363

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION**

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In response to the Office action of January 19, 2005,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.